

# Irwin Park E-Bulletin – Friday, Jan 9th

## Stay Connected with Us!

Check out what's happening at our school on social media:

**Instagram:** [https://www.instagram.com/irwin\\_park\\_elementary/](https://www.instagram.com/irwin_park_elementary/)

## Important Dates:

- **Thurs Jan 15<sup>th</sup>:** Gr 4-5 Black History Speaker Visit
- **Tues Jan 20<sup>th</sup>:** 1st League Basketball Game
- **Jan 19-23<sup>rd</sup> :** WV Field Hockey Visit – K-3 Physical Literacy Op

## Important Links for Parents :

- [Irwin Park School Calendar 25-26](#)
- [Munchalunch](#) Hot lunch orders
- [Winter Term IP After School Extra Curricular Activities – Sign Up](#)



## A Message from the Principal

It has been great to welcome students back into classrooms this week and connect about with them about their holiday. The new year has begun on a positive note at Irwin Park, and we were pleased to welcome **6 new students and families**, from Kindergarten through Grade 7, into our school community. I would ask all families to review our Personal Digital Device expectations in this week's bulletin, as we start the new year, and be mindful of our cell phone use while on school property. We are also excited to share that the **IPPG and school administration will be hosting a Welcome Tea** for parents and guardians in the coming weeks. This will be an opportunity to meet other families, connect with members of the IPPG Executive about volunteer opportunities, and speak with the principal in an informal setting. More details will be shared soon. Finally, our **Grade 7 Basketball season is underway**, with practices starting this week and next. We look

forward to cheering on our Panthers and celebrating their growth and success on the court.

## **E Bulletin Highlights:**

- *Term 2 Winter After School Extra Curricular Online Sign Up*
- *Parent Education Op @ Kay Meek – Jan 28<sup>th</sup>*
- *WVS Admissions – Open Jan 15<sup>th</sup>*
- *Emergency Text Message Alerts*
- *District Digital Device Expectations – Families & Students*

### **SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE! REGISTER NOW**

**TERM 2 - After School Extra Curricular Programs Open for**

**Registration: Winter Term (Jan – March 2026) -**

Check out our roster of activities that will cater to an assortment of student interests. Whether it be **Yoga, Basketball, Volleyball, Chess, Art or 3D Printing** there is something for everyone. Please check out the sign-up options and instructions in the PDF Document attached [here!](#)

### **DPAC Parent Evening – Sarah Ward on Executive Functioning**

DPAC invites parents and guardians to an evening with **internationally recognized executive function expert Sarah Ward**. Learn practical, research-informed strategies to support your child's independence, organization, time management and learning at home. See the attached PDF and image for more details on the event and why executive function skills are essential for student success and academic confidence.

 **Wednesday, January 28**

 **6:30 – 8:30 PM**

⌚ Kay Meek Theatre, 1700 Mathers Ave

🎟️ \$20 per ticket

**Click here to register:**

<https://kaymeek.com/events/dpac-parent-evening-sarah-ward-on-executive-functioning-2026-01-28-630-pm/seats/>

#### **West Vancouver Schools Admissions Information**

K-12 admission applications for both in-district and out-of-district students opens on January 15! If you have students in your family or network who are looking to join our district, please help spread the word about this important date.

West Vancouver Schools offer a wonderful opportunity to be part of a community that values excellence in education. Our schools take pride in creating meaningful learning experiences and providing opportunities that support the growth, well-being, and success of every student. To learn more about registration expectations and processes, please visit our admissions page: [West Vancouver Schools Admissions](#) We look forward to welcoming new students and families to our vibrant and supportive school community!

#### **Emergency Text Message Alerts – From WVSD**

Parents and guardians **who wish to receive school emergency notifications**—including power outages, severe weather updates, and safety alerts—by text message may now opt in.

**To join our SMS notification list, simply text "Y" or "Yes" to 978338.**

Thank you for helping us ensure timely communication in the event of an emergency.

### **School and District Personal Digital Device (PDD) Expectations**

As we begin the new year, we are asking all students and families to recommit to reducing cell phone use and to the school district's Personal Digital Device expectations.

Consistent routines after the break help students re-engage quickly, keep instruction on track, and reduce distractions in shared spaces.

### **Expectations at a glance:**

- **Elementary (K–7):** Cell phones are not used during the school day, including before and after school and at recess and lunch times. Laptops may be used to support learning during instructional time, only with explicit staff permission.
- **Secondary (8–12):** Cell phones and other digital devices should only be used during instructional time with explicit staff permission. Device use should be intentional, supervised, and tied to learning.

### **Family actions that make a difference:**

1. **Be a Model of Balance and Healthy Digital Habits** – Put your phone down when speaking to your child and ensure you can reflect upon your habits while using social media; discuss the importance of the choice to “disconnect to connect”
2. **Reinforce Healthy Habits** - Continue encouraging a balanced approach to device use at home by promoting activities like reading, outdoor play, and family time.
3. **Model Consistency** - Show your support by modeling mindful device use when on the school grounds or in the school building AND during shared family time.

4. **Support School Communication** - Please avoid contacting your child during instructional time, this includes communication through phones and smartwatches. Remind them that non-urgent messages can wait until after school. If urgent communication is needed, please contact the school office.

5. **Stay Engaged** - Revisit the [Parent/Guardian Guide to Personal Digital Devices](#) to refresh your understanding of the expectations and discuss them with your child.

Thank you for your partnership and continued support in making this initiative a success.

- [WVSD Parent/Caregiver Digital Guides – How to Keep Your Child Safe Online](#)
- [What is an appropriate age for a child to have a cell phone?](#)

**Thank you for your continued support.**

**Aron Campbell**

Principal

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